



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: FLUORESCENCE IMAGING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

3 (Amended). A fluorescence imaging apparatus, comprising:

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- i) excitation light irradiating means for irradiating excitation light to a measuring site, the excitation light causing the measuring site to produce fluorescence,
 - ii) imaging means for imaging the fluorescence, which has been produced from the measuring site when the excitation light is irradiated to the measuring site, and
 - iii) imaging control means for controlling operations of the imaging means,
- wherein the imaging means is provided with an image sensor, which comprises a plurality of pixels arrayed in two-dimensional directions and which has a fluorescence imaging

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